

**Over Three Thousand Casualties
Suffered; Estimated Destruction
Of Property Almost Incalculable**

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EXPECT THAT DEAD
WILL TOTAL 957

Several Towns Are Practically Wiped Out—Entire Blocks Are Destroyed.

ONLY THREE SURVIVE OF FIVE HUNDRED

Powerful Wind Carries the

Bodies for a Distance of One Mile.

CHICAGO, Ills., Mar. 18.—A tornado tore through Southern Illinois today after lashing Eastern Missouri, and then caused

considerable damage in Indiana before it died out to the north-east after collecting a reported

toll of 3,631 persons, dead or injured, on the basis of estimates available tonight from the storm-swept regions where communication was largely destroyed.

While darkness and prostrated wires made the collection of data difficult, estimates which came in through various sources with ever-increasing totals placed the

The destruction of property was enormous. Several towns were al-

most entirely wiped out and such populous places as West Frankfort and Murphysboro having lost whole blocks of buildings. In the town of Parrish only three persons were

The wind was so powerful at Parrish that bodies were carried more than a mile, it was reported.

At Murphysboro where the dead totalled 100, a school house was blown over the heads of 245 pupils, while at Decatur late estimates place the dead at 100 and the injured at 200, out of a total population of

A school house at Desoto also was razed and only three of the 250 occupants escaped unhurt, while 24 bodies already have been taken from the ruins. The latest reports

Much Damage Done
CHICAGO, March 18. — More than

CHICAGO, March 18.—More than 1,500 persons are reported killed or injured by a tornado which swept through southern Illinois and Indiana late today, causing great property damage and virtually wiping out the town of Havana, Ill.

ing out two or three towns in its path, from Missouri to the northeast. Wires were down in every direction under the fury of the wind and it was impossible tonight to check the reported casualties.

of West Frankfurt, with a population of 11,000, suffered severely with a casualty list reported as high as 250. Great havoc was wrought to building in this city and fire broke out in the debris. On reports of this

situation an effort was made by Governor Len Small to send troops to Murphysboro, while relief trains and Red Cross workers prepared to depart from Chicago and St. Louis for the storm area.

While railroad dispatchers from previous experiences thought that first estimates of the casualties might prove excessive, it seemed certain from reports originating in many places on the edge of the

storm's path that the dead might number in the hundreds. No reports had been received at a late hour of damage in the rural regions.

Among the other towns and cities to report damage and loss of life

axa Dixon, Ill., with 150 casualties reported; Parrish, Ill., with all but three of a population of 500 reported either killed or injured; Princeton, Ind., with an estimate of 100 casualties; Griffin, Ind., with

It was around 2 o'clock when the tornado again touched earth with its mighty, arch, ending through Mex-

lightly ran, swinging through Murphyboro and Desoto and laying those places waste in the twinkling of an eye. The wind rushed on close to earth for 15 or 25 miles and then apparently lifted until it came to Carmi, Ill., near the Indiana line.

After taking its toll in that region, the storm again rose, only to descend once more, 20 miles west of the state line, at Princeton, Ind.

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MARKETS WHEAT PRICES STOCK PRICES ON REACTION RALLY BRISKLY

Stronger Cables Caused
Reversal of Downward Rush
of Previous Day.

There is an Apparent Dis-
regard of St. Paul Receiver-
ship at New York.

WINNIPEG, March 18.—Wheat prices today reacted briskly in today's early trading, following a day of steady decline of yesterday and following a quiet session which had traders re-established their influence, the May futures closed at 163 1/2, an advance of 3 1/2 cents, July secured a corresponding gain at 162 1/2, while October jumped 1 1/2 to 134.

The coarse grain market also experienced a strong comeback, 77c covering 8 cents of yesterday's loss, while following a quiet session, the market was up 1/2 cent, the May futures closed at 1.13 1/2, an advance of 1/2 cent, July secured a corresponding gain at 1.12 1/2, while October jumped 1/2 to 1.11.

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